

2003 OPEN MEETING OF THE HUMAN DIMENSIONS OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

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Montreal, Canada

“Taking Stock and Moving Forward”

Following a decade of sustained interdisciplinary research on the human dimensions of global change, this is an appropriate time to assess the fruits of our efforts. Are we achieving cumulative, progressive research findings? Are we enhancing the set of methodologies at our disposal? Are we generating useful knowledge for decision-makers? Are we developing effective mechanisms for bridging disciplinary divides?

Plenary speakers will address these questions in the context of major areas of human dimensions research. We will also invite submission of focused "stock-taking" panels that take stock of particular areas of human dimensions research such as land use/land cover change, integrated assessment, population, environmental security, industrial transformation, institutions, environmental economics, and others. These stock-taking panels should consist of 3-4 paper presenters, a chair and a discussant. Abstracts for each paper are required along with an abstract for the panel.

Proposals to submit individual research papers are also welcome. These may be on any area within the broad Human Dimensions research agenda. Poster sessions will be held as well.

We seek the participation of researchers from a broad range of disciplines. We especially encourage researchers from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, as well as young researchers from all over the world, to submit proposals. For these categories of researchers, efforts will be made to provide financial support for participants whose abstracts are selected for presentation at the meeting. Participants from other communities, such as NGOs, business and government, will also be welcome.

Presentation proposals will be accepted beginning January 1, 2003, at the Open Meeting Web site. The deadline for submissions is March 30, 2003.

The local host for the Open Meeting is the McGill School of the Environment. The meeting will take place at the Wyndham Hotel.

Updated information about the Open Meeting, as well as procedures for submitting presentation proposals and registering to attend the meeting, will be available at
<http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/openmeeting>.

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